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Marlene Dortch, Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission ("FCC")
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Status Update:** WC Docket No. 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("OPUC") submits this status report as required by the *Waiver Order* (DA 13-1853) adopted and released on August 30, 2013. In the *Waiver Order*, the Wireline Competition Bureau granted the OPUC and the Oregon Telecommunications Association's ("OTA") Comments in Support of USTelecom Petition for Waiver and Petition for Extension of Waiver¹ of the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") rules² that govern the requirements for state Lifeline administrators to provide subscriber certification forms to Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs").

On November 16, 2012, Staff of the OPUC and the OTA submitted a written ex parte letter³ supporting the United States Telecom Association's Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification⁴ requesting elimination of these rules. In the letter, the OPUC and the OTA demonstrated good cause for granting a waiver of the rules to Oregon and its ETCs if the FCC decided to retain them. Therefore, on or before Friday, November 29, 2013, the OPUC will file a petition for a permanent waiver of sections 54.407(d), 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 54.410(c)(2)(ii) and 54.410(e) explaining why relief from these rules is appropriate for Oregon.

Pursuant to § 1.1206(b) of the FCC's rules, this letter is being filed electronically. Please contact the undersigned with questions or concerns.

¹ See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., Public Utility Commission of Oregon and Oregon Telecommunications Association, Comments in Support of USTelecom Petition for Waiver and Petition for Waiver, WC Dkt. Nos. 11-42 et al., (filed May 15, 2013).

² See sections 54.407(d), 54.410(b)(2)(ii), 54.410(c)(2)(ii) and 54.410(e).

³ See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., Public Utility Commission of Oregon and Oregon Telecommunications Association, Ex Parte Letter, WC. Dkt. Nos. 11-42 et al., (filed November 16, 2013).

⁴ See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., United States Telecom Association's Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification, WC. Dkt. Nos. 11-42 et al., (filed April 2, 2012).



Respectfully,



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